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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
TOMOHARU HASE)	Examiner: H. Nguyen
Appln. No.: 09/145,982)	Group Art Unit: 2851
Filed: September 3, 1998)	
For: EXPOSURE APPARATUS AND)	April 19, 2000
DEVICE MANUFACTURING)	
METHOD INCLUDING GAS)	
PURGING OF A SPACE)	
CONTAINING OPTICAL)	
COMPONENTS)	

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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicant petitions the Assistant Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated October 20, 1999 for three (3) months from January 20, 2000 to April 20, 2000.

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Submitted herewith is a check for \$ 870.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

Applicant's attorney, Steven E. Warner, may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Richard P. Bauer", written over a horizontal line.

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